Poor Economic Conditions of Our Sportsmen of International Standard

328. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report which appeared in the Indian Express of January 10, 1987 'A Gold Medalist now a Hawker';

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps, if any, are taken by Government to ensure that those who win laurels for the country in the international and other games are not exposed to poverty to such an extent;

(c) whether particulars of such persons and their families are maintained by the Central and State Governments to ensure a reasonable economic standard to them; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SRHIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Press Report states that an ex-wrestler Shri Malwa and his wife have to supplement the salary which Shri Malwa is drawing from his employer to support their family by selling eatables outside a school in Delhi. The Delhi Administration has indicated that it proposes to give employment to Shri Malwa's wife, a grant of Rs. 20,000/- from Khilaari Kosh and provide free schooling to his children. With a view to providing suitable assistance to eligible sportspersons and their families in indigent circumstances, the Government have established a National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons.

(c) and (d) While no such particulars are maintained by the Union Government any proposal received for financial assistance to sportspersons is considered under the scheme of National Welfare Fund for Sportpersons. Details as to whether different State Governments maintain such particulars are not available.

Progress in setting up of coach factory at Kapurthala

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SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has so far been made in the setting up of the Coach Factory at Kapurthala;

(b) the expenditure incurred so far on it, item-wise;

(c) by what time the factory is likely to be commissioned; and

(d) what is the number of people given fresh employment there and out of it the number of local people in it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The progress on setting up the Rail Coach Factory at Kapurthala as on 31.1.87 is:

(i) Physical progress on Factory Structures	23 per cent.
(ii) Financial progress	8.5 per cent